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The Honorable Tom George State Senator State Capitol P.O. Box 30036 Lansing, MI 48909-7539

Dear Chairman George,

The Michigan Chapter of the American Massage Therapy Association thanks you for taking up HB 5749 sponsored by Representative Vincent Gregory. We respectfully ask for your support in passing this bill.

As you are aware, this bill allows local units of government the ability to continue to regulate massage therapists while the Massage Therapy Board establishes the rules for licensing massage therapists in Michigan. This assures that massage therapists are able to continue to work and run their business while the board establishes regulations to assure that state licensed massage therapists are properly educated and insured.

The work that you are doing on our behalf represents a long journey for the massage field and the many professionals that practice our trade. The 1,300 members of the AMTA/MI are all behind this journey, working with our local governments, and helping fund this process.

Please let us know if the AMTA/MI can assist your office in any way.

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AMTA/MI President